

**Enquiry into FERA violations by U.B. Group**

67, SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 170 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st November, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government have since completed the pending enquiries initiated in U.K. and whether the Chairman, U.B. Group has also furnished the necessary information in regard to violation of FERA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what is the present progress in the matter; and

(d) by when the investigations are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Sir, inquiries have not yet been completed. The source in U.K. has expressed its inability to obtain the required information. M/s U.B. Group have provided some documents/information but they have expressed their inability to produce certain other documents as asked for by the Enforcement Directorate. The available evidence and material on record are in the process of examination for further action as per law. The investigations are likely to be completed as expeditiously as possible.

**LPG bottling plants**

68. PROF M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of LPG bottling plants set up in different parts of the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of proposals for setting up of new LPG bottling plants in the current financial year State-wise and location-wise; and

(c) the details of effective measures being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Public Sector Oil Marketing companies have set up 36 LPG bottling plants in different parts of the country, during the last three financial years (1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000).

(b) and (c) LPG bottling plants are set up on the basis of Techno-economic feasibility after taking into consideration the demand potential of packed LPG. Oil Companies assess the potential packed LPG demand for various markets and thereafter the need for setting up additional LPG bottling capacity is identified. Keeping in view the above consideration, Public Sector Oil Marketing companies have a plan to set up 24 LPG bottling plants during the current financial year. The State-wise, location-wise details are given at statement.

#### Statement

*Details of plants proposed to be commissioned by PSU Oil Companies during 2000-2001*

Sl.No.	State	Location	Capacity (TMTPA)	Oil Co.	Expected date of Commissioning
1.	Rajasthan	Ajmer	44	BPC	Feb. 2001
2.	Karnataka	Dharwad	22	BPC	March 2001
3.	Maharashtra	Nagpur	22	BPC	March 2001
4.	Punjab	Bhatinda	22	BPC	March 2001
5.	UP	Loni	44	BPC	March 2001
6.	UP	Allahabad (Resitment)	22	IOC	200041
7.	J&K	Jammu	22	IOC	200041
8.	UP	Kashipur	68	IOC	2000-01
9.	UP	Shahjahanpur	34	IOC	2000-01
10.	Rajasthan	Jhunjhunu	22	IOC	2000-01
11.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	44	IOC	200041
12.	UP	L'Kheri	22	IOC	200041
13.	West Bengal	Malda	22	IOC	2000-01
14.	Karnataka	Devanagonthi.	44	IOC	200041

Sl.No	State	Location	Capacity (TMTPA)	Oil Co.	Expected date Commissioning
15.	AP	Vizag	54	IOC	2000-01
16.	Orissa	Jharsuguda	22	IOC	2000-01
17.	UP	Loni	88	IOC	2000-01
18.	MP	Guna	22	IOC	2000-01
19.	Tamil Nadu	Erode	34	IOC	2000-01
20.	M.P.	Jabalpur	44	HPC	March 2001
21.	Rajasthan	Kota	44	HPC	March 2001
22.	Bihar	Patna	22	HPC	March 2001
23.	Bihar	Hazaribagh	10	HPC	March 2001
24.	Bihar	Jamshedpur	10	HPC	Already Commissioned Dec. 2000

#### LPG agencies in Orissa

69. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of LPG agencies operating in Orissa;
- (b) the number of consumers served by each of those agency;
- and
- (c) the details of the number of LPG connections given to them during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The total number of LPG agencies of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies operating in the State of Orissa as on 1.1.2001 was 115.

(b) The customer population in the State of Orissa registered with the LPG distributors of Orissa as on 1.1.2001 was about 6.96 lakhs.

(c) The total number of LPG connections released by LPG distributors in the State of Orissa during the year 1999-2000 and during the period April-December, 2000 was 1.09 lakhs and 1.17 lakhs respectively.